

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 5 - 7, and 14 have been canceled. Claim 8 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 8. A replacement drawing for Fig. 2 is submitted herewith. Examination of the amended application respectfully is requested.

The Examiner objected to the drawings for failing to illustrate V<sub>ta</sub> and V<sub>tc</sub>. A replacement drawing for Fig. 2 illustrates V<sub>ta</sub> and V<sub>tc</sub> in relation to another voltage level of the circuit. The objection no longer is applicable and accordingly should be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 and 14 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Wayne, and rejected claims 3 and 6 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wayne in view of Levine et al. However, while objecting to claims 8-13 as depending from a rejected claim, the Examiner also indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. .


In order to expedite the prosecution, claims 1, 5 - 7, and 14 have been canceled, claim 8 has been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim, and claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 8. Claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 2 and claims 9-13 depend from claim 8. It therefore is submitted that the rejection and objection are inapplicable to the remaining claims. Therefore, amended  
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claim 8 includes all of the limitations of claim 1, from which it originally depended, and the remaining claims depend either directly or indirectly from claim 8. Therefore the rejection and objection no longer are applicable and therefore accordingly should be withdrawn.

Based on the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice, with allowed claims 2-4 and 8 - 13, earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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